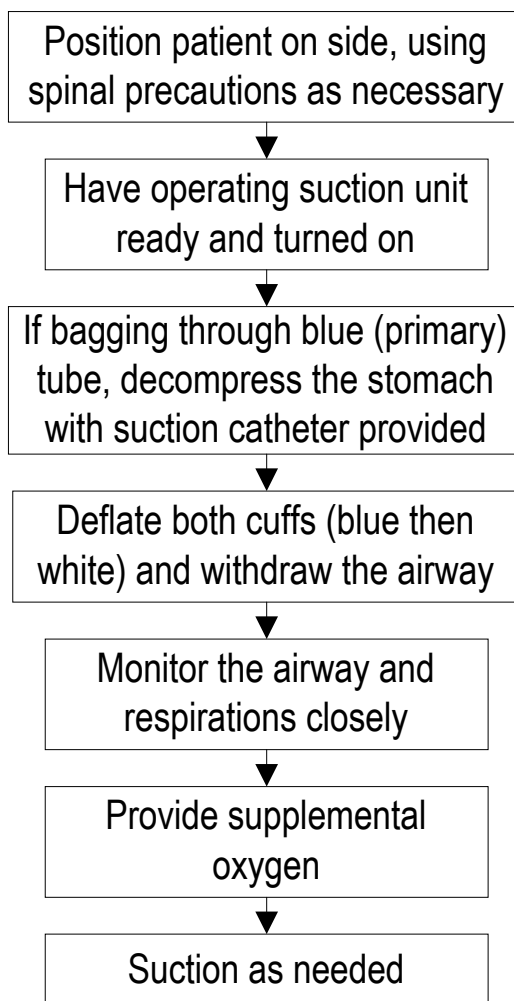


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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY EMS
PRACTICAL SKILL
COMBITUBE REMOVAL**

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Purpose: To safely remove a Combitube from the patient's airway		Indications: Patient regains consciousness Protective gag reflex returns Ventilation is inadequate	
Advantages: Removes focus of discomfort and agitation from a patient with an intact gag reflex who is adequately ventilating on their own	Disadvantages: Loss of positive airway control	Complications: Aspiration	Contraindications: Any patient unable to adequately ventilate or protect own airway



NOTES:

- If considering Extubation due to patient agitation, contact medical control for possible sedation order.
- Remove the tube in a smooth, steady motion, suctioning as needed.